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Sutter's Fort Launches Interactive New "Scouts at the Fort" Program

***Available Monthly by Reservation, Docents and Staff Help Scouts Earn
Coveted "Playing the Past" Skill Building Badge***

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Beginning on Saturday, May 12, and continuing on the second Saturday each month, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) with support from Friends of Sutter's Fort (FOSF) is proud to present a fun and interactive new program titled "Scouts at the Fort." Designed to help Girl Scouts earn their "Playing the Past" skill building badges, docents and staff at Sutter's Fort will help students re-create and experience daily life in the mid-1800s.

Initially developed by a dedicated 10-year old docent at Sutter's Fort SHP who is also an active Girl Scout, the specially designed program lasts from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and includes hands-on crafts and activities such as toy making, daily chores and cooking activities, and period-appropriate games that engage juniors in understanding the life of a young pioneer living in 1846 at Sutter's Fort.

Although initially designed to meet the requirements for the Girl Scout badge, "Scouts at the Fort" is an outstanding learning opportunity that can be tailored for all youth groups (for kids ages eight and older) who are interested in expanding their knowledge of California history in a fun, unique and interactive way. Even when "Scouts at the Fort" activities are underway, the Fort is still open to the community as usual.

"Scouts at the Fort" group reservations are required at least two weeks prior. The cost for this special program is \$15 per scout, which includes admission to the Fort and admission for one adult per scout. For more information about "Scouts at the Fort," please visit www.suttersfort.org and/or to reserve space or explore tailoring a youth program, please call Friends of Sutter's Fort at 916-323-7626.

About Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Friends of Sutter's Fort. As of January 1, 2012, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in midtown Sacramento on L Street between 26th and 28th Streets, the Fort offers monthly "Hands on History" activities and special events throughout the year. Established in 1839 by Swiss immigrant John Augustus Sutter, Sutter's Fort was at the center of a flourishing agricultural empire.

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named New Helvetia (New Switzerland.) This empire established Sacramento's earliest settlement and the first European settlement in California's Central Valley. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit www.suttersfort.org